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Michigan Vegetable Report

Snap bean processors contracted 16,000 acres for harvest in Michigan in 2015 according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. The estimated production is 64,000 tons.

Tomato processors contracted 3,300 acres in Michigan for 2015, down 100 acres from last year. Processing tomato production is forecast at 92,400 tons down 29 percent from last year.

Michigan's asparagus production totaled 228,000 hundredweight (cwt) in 2015, up 3.6 percent from last year. The area harvested for fresh market and processing was 8,900 acres, down 100 acres from 2014. Yield, at 26 cwt per acre, was up 2 cwt per acre from last year. Total value of Michigan's asparagus production was \$19.84 million, down 3.2 percent from 2014.

Michigan's onion growers intend to harvest 2,400 acres in 2015, down 4 percent from last year. Onion yield is forecast at 340 hundredweight (cwt) per acre, down 30 cwt from 2014. Total production is forecast at 816,000 cwt, down 11.8 percent from last year.

Vegetable intentions, 2015

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Snap beans, processing, contracted for harvest	(D)	16,000	151,440	163,970
Tomatoes, processing, contracted for harvest	3,400	3,300	302,100	307,700
Asparagus, for harvest	9,000	8,900	23,800	23,500
Onions (summer storage), planted	2,600	2,500	95,500	94,400

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.